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In the Application of:

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For: **Apparatus and Method for Maintaining  
Cooked Food in a Ready-to-Serve  
Condition Using a Freestanding Cover  
For Food Trays**

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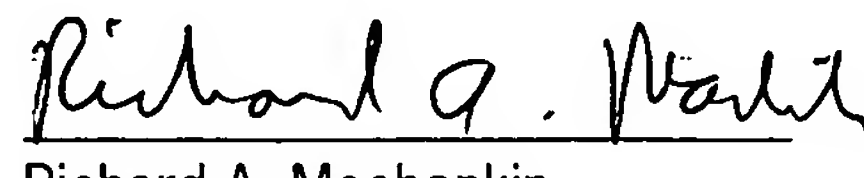
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